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In re Application of:
Carlo RUBBIA

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action / Restriction Requirement dated August 14, 2001.

Applicant submits simultaneously herewith an extension request of one month to December 14, 2001. Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-9, 12, 16-25, 28, 31-32, 35, 37, 40-41 and 44 with strong traverse and requests that the Examiner ultimately disregard this election and reissue a new election of species requirement rather than a rejection for lack of unity as explained below in the following remarks. Applicant will make every effort to contact the

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